



RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

October 7, 2014

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Peter Hartley, Marsha Rollinger, Jerri Everett, Jaris English, Ben Andrews, Mitch Shepherd, and Evelyn Reingold

Excused Absence: Michele Bettinger, Paul Hebron, and Bill Huls

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, Staff Liaison, and John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by RMAC Vice-President, Marsha Rollinger at 4:32 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 5, 2014 and September 2, 2014 RMAC meetings were read and accepted as submitted.

Correspondence and announcements: The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

- Oct. 11, 2014, 7-10 pm: "Renton Best Fest", Carco Theatre (Winning films - WA State crash film-making competitions and winning multi-cultural films)
- Oct. 15, 2014, 5:30-9 pm: Renton Historical Society Annual Dinner and Silent Auction, Renton Senior Activity Center (www.brownpapertickets.com)
- Oct. 17 – Nov. 1, 2014: The Rocky Horror Show, Renton Civic Theatre, for more information - (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- Oct. 18, 2014: FilmFrenzy Screening, Ikea Performing Arts Center
- Oct. 18, 2014, 10:30 pm, Silk Tease Burlesque presents: Trick or Tease - Renton Civic Theatre, for more information - (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- Oct. 24, 2014, 7 pm: Curvee Gala Awards and NW Film Honors – Renton Pavilion Events Center
- October 25, 2014, 11:00 am – noon: "Tales That Go Bump in the Night", Renton History Museum (www.brownpapertickets.com) Free to members
- November 1, 2014, "Cry Out Dinner and Auction" Renton Pavilion Events Center (Peter Hartley is trying to fill a RMAC table of ten- contact him for ticket information.)

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee:**

- ***Annual Retreat** – Propose change for the RMAC Retreat from November 2014 to January 2015. Moved/Seconded/Carried to change date. (Evelyn/Mitch)

Old Business:

- **Heaven Sent Mural:** A Certificate of Exemption from the Sign Code was granted. Moved/Seconded/Carried to award Heaven Sent a \$500 Small Grant. (Peter/Evelyn)
- **Going Global:** The cost of fabricating a 6x8 aluminum metalphoto plaque is \$77.52 from Advance Marking & Sign. Moved/Seconded/Carried to purchase plaque. (Peter/Evelyn)
Elizabeth will send Evelyn Vendor Set- up Form so the vendor can submit an invoice. Also, Elizabeth will check with Facilities to see if they will be responsible for replacing existing worn plaques such as Equi.
- **Renton Technical College:** Kim Sweet will be the first artist to display her paintings for three months in the newly opened Culinaire Room at Renton Technical College. They will provide the hardware and rails to display the paintings which are also for sale. Kim's show opens on October 17, 2014.
- **Film Frenzy:** All events are FREE! Check announcements for event schedules and invite family and friends to attend.

New Business:

- **Annual Budget Status:** The RMAC 2014 budget status as of September 30, 2014 was reviewed and discussed. Specific funding sources and itemized expenditures to date were presented. The major RMAC funding sources are: (1) City of Renton, (2) 4 Culture Heritage Grant (Equipment), (3) 4 Culture Sustained Support Grant, (4) 1% for Arts Fund.
- **Grants Report:** Elizabeth attended a 4 Culture Grants Workshop that was very helpful. Our grant applications for the Heritage and Sustained Support funds are due at the end of October. We are unsure that our applications will be renewed as requested.
- **New Libraries Art Selection Update:** The art budget is higher than the \$40,000 for Downtown and the \$50,000 for Highlands that was previously reported. The actual budgets are: Downtown \$68,000 and Highlands \$70,000. Sixty (60) artists responded to the "Call for Artists" and their qualifications and slides were reviewed. There is not much room for 3-dimensional art and the Selection Committee gave KCL the discretion to negotiate the type of art needed for the available spaces. Also, since the entrance to the downtown library will be changed, a possible relocation of the bronze statue, "Homework Comes First" was discussed.
- **Downtown Revitalization:** The downtown business community is on board with the project and several RMAC members are involved with sub-committees (Marsha, Paul, Bill, Ben and Mitch) to work with the Downtown Association. A new apartment construction at the intersection of Main and Bronson will change the streets from one-way to two-way traffic. This will address some of the way finding concerns about navigating the many one-way streets downtown. Take a look at the RMAC Share Point site for the latest presentation.

- **RMAC Membership** - An Ad Hoc Committee will be established to review applications and interview potential new commissioners. Susan Johnson is helping to identify a possible “youth” category member for the RMAC. Long Tran’s name was suggested

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Marsha Rollinger,
RMAC Vice-President

Peter Hartley,
RMAC President